


REMARKS

Applicants recognize that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicants do not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, Applicants do not concede that all of the identified limitations are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. In addition, the dependent claims are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. No additional fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No.: 27996-232.

Respectfully submitted,



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